

National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

Official NACSW™

ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested:

Birch, Anise, and Clove

Date:

Saturday, September 12, 2020

TEST LOCATION:

Richmond Dog Obedience Club, 2004 Tomlyn Street, Richmond, VA 23230

Test Host:

Paws Plus Training, LLC

Test Secretary

Jennifer Johnson, Paws Plus Training, LLC, 15290 Devonwood Road, Montpelier, VA 23192

Certifying Official:

Jen Johnson

Judge:

Jim Simmons

Entry Cost:

\$35 per dog per odor

Number of Entries

100 entries max

Second Dog Policy

We will allow second dogs. All second dogs will run in the second set up of each odor.

Opening Date

July 27, 2020

Entries Closes

Friday, September 5, 2020 at 5:00 PM Eastern or When entry limits have been met

NACSW is requiring that all attendees adhere to social distancing - maintaining 6' of distance - at all trials until further notice even if your jurisdiction has relaxed their requirements or recommendations. Social Distancing requirements at an event are MANDATORY. There is no exception unless you live in the same household. There is *no option* to mutually consent to be closer together than 6'. Please be respectful that your proximity or request for proximity may make others uncomfortable. Please review the document [COVID-19 Event Guidelines](#) that is located in Google docs and was emailed to the membership on 5/8/2020.

In addition to those guidelines the following changes and guidelines are in effect for this trial due to COVID-19:

- All attendees (participants, volunteers and spectators) will be required to bring and wear face masks inside any of the buildings including during the ORT test.
- Participants are asked to remain in their vehicles as much as possible. Running of vehicles is permitted.
- Participants are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer and/or disinfecting wipes to use for accessing building doors.

If there are any changes or updates that information will be included in your final details information that will be emailed 1-2 weeks before the ORT weekend.

Entry Method

Entry method – First received By USPS Mail. Overnight deliveries must have the signature waived box checked.

Entries

TELEPHONE, FAX, UNSIGNED ENTRIES, AND ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES cannot be accepted.

- RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid entry fee. All returned checks will be subject to \$25 for additional bank fees.
- ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ON THE ATTACHED ENTRY FORM.
- NO ENTRY SHALL BE MADE AND NO ENTRY SHALL BE ACCEPTED, WHICH SPECIFIES ANY CONDITIONS AS TO ITS ACCEPTANCE.
- OWNERS are responsible for errors in making out entry forms.
- EXPRESS MAIL entries must include signature permitting them to be left at the secretary's address without recipient's signature.

Notification

Acknowledgement of entry acceptance/confirmation, will be made by email when entries are processed for those handlers that provide an email address. If you require a confirmation via USPS, you must provide a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry. Your payment receipt and notification is confirmation of your completed entry.

Test Site Hours

7:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Details regarding check in time and briefing will be sent approximately 1 week before the ORT.

Entry Requirements

A Qualified Entry is one that meets all the following criteria:

1. Complete entry during the specified entry timeframe.
2. The Handler is a NACSW™ member for the 2020-2021 membership year (8/1/20-7/31/21).
3. The Dog is registered with the NACSW™.
4. Dogs participating in an Odor Recognition Test (ORT) must be at least six months of age.

For information on how to register or become a member go to www.NACSW.net

Trial Eligibility and ORTs

An ORT must be taken and passed at least 14 days before a trial opening date to be eligible for the first draw period.

Basic Description of Test

To successfully pass an ORT a dog must identify the location of the target odor and the handler must correctly call an “alert” within a three-minute time period. The Odor Recognition Test consists of a drill type exercise which requires 12 closed boxes set up in a pattern of *one or two* rows, spaced a minimum of 48” apart. The ORT is conducted on leash. Complete information can be obtained on the NACSW™ website.

*All exhibitors should obtain and review a copy of the **NACSW™K9 NOSE WORK® RULE BOOK**. You may get it from their website: www.NACSW.net*

Results

During the odor re-sets, the official results sheet will be brought out to the parking area for testers to photo or review. We recommend you verify your results on the official results sheet and let your host or judge know if you have any questions regarding your results.

Refund and Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made on or before September 5, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern will be refunded minus a \$10 administration fee. For cancellation of entries after 12:00 p.m. on September 5, 2020 - No refunds after the entry closing date. Cancellations may be made by email (pawsplustrainingva@gmail.com) or telephone: 804-347-2509 during business hours. The secretary is not responsible for lost e-mails or calls that do not reach her. The secretary will send an email back to the participant confirming the cancellation within 36 business hours.

ENTRY FEES shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, or excused by the NACSW™ official or judge.

This cancellation and refund policy applies to competitors that must withdraw for any reason including but not limited to injury, illness, emergency, and personal or work-related reasons.

If the Odor Recognition Test (ORT) cannot take place or be completed by reason of fire, civil disturbances, an Act of God, public emergency, or any other cause beyond the control of the ORT organizers, then the ORT host will make their best effort to provide partial refunds after recouping their expenses.

Test Location:

Site Specific Conditions

The facility is located within an office park setting. Parking is on black asphalt but be cognizant of no parking signs in front of other businesses. The test site will be inside a dog training facility that has rubber matting for the flooring. There is a small section of grass and landscaped areas toward the front of the office complex buildings facing Tomlynn Street that is NOT to be used as a potty area for the dogs. Canine potty areas will be in an enclosed rock garden. Allowing your dog to eliminate in the landscaped areas will result in a dismissal from the site. Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, the expected test area, parking, and/or pathways may be modified at the last minute.

Reactive Dog Parking

There will not be reactive dog parking at this test. Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, this policy may be modified at the last minute.

Unentered Dogs

Unentered dogs must remain in the competitor's vehicle during the test day. There will be ample potty areas, but unentered dogs should not be allowed to "play", exercise, or train on the test grounds.

RV Parking

Parking will be very tight at this venue depending on the individual number of entries. We cannot accommodate RV parking at this site.

Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot

The parking is tight at this location and running your vehicles or generators in the parking lot is allowed at this test due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, this policy may be modified at the last minute.

Crating Options

Depending on the weather forecasts, we may have indoor crating available in a separate room from the test, but the crating may be tight. You would need to provide matting under your crate to prevent marks on the flooring. More information about indoor crating will be sent approximately one week prior to the ORT.

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Dog Policies

- All dogs must be on a 6' leash at all times when not being tested. NO flexi-leashes while not participating in a test.

- Reactive and/or spatially challenged dogs should wear a red bandana (to be provided by the dog's handler) to help signal others that the dog needs extra space from other dogs.
- Dogs will be toileted in designated areas and handlers must pick-up and dispose of waste.
- Dogs and handlers must stay in designated areas to avoid contaminating testing space, interrupting a test, or from viewing any part of the testing.
- Competitors should expect to keep their dogs confined in a crate or vehicle when not testing and should plan to provide their own shade using canopies or shade cloths.

Females in Season

Will be allowed to run wearing "pants" at the very end of the running orders after all other dogs have been judged. Females in season will be parked and pottied in areas separate from the other dogs while at the test if the location logistics permit. Handlers must contact pawsplustrainingva@gmail.com so plans can be made for the dog.

ADA Requests

If you are an individual with a disability and would like to request accommodation(s), please email ADA@nacsw.net. Please include your name, ORT date, ORT host name, and your requested accommodation(s).

SPECTATORS

People approved to be in the testing area during an ORT include NACSW™ officials, approved NACSW™ guests, required ORT volunteers, adults accompanying a minor, approved officials for training purposes, or immediate family members/friends of the dog/handler team being tested. Participants in an ORT may not be spectators for other participants regardless of relationship (with the exception of a minor testing after the accompanying adult tests). The ORT Certifying Official has the right to limit spectators at their discretion.

Video/Photography Policy

ORT participants are allowed to have a friend or family member video/photograph their test. ORT participants are not allowed to video/photograph one another. ORT hosts are not obligated to provide someone to video/photograph.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed on this test site, including the use of e-cigarettes

Hotels

A list of area hotels and directions will be provided with entry confirmations.

Veterinarians

Dogwood Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center
5918 W Broad St, Richmond, VA 23230 (2.5 miles away)
(804) 716-4700

Rules

Complete rules are available at www.NACSW.net. **It is the responsibility of each competitor to read and understand the current NACSW™ Rule book prior to participating in a NACSW™ event.**

Liability

By registering for the ORT Test, the competitor hereby assumes all risks of, and responsibility for, accidents and/or damage to her/himself or to her/his property or to others, resulting from the actions of her/his dog. The competitor expressly agree that the NACSW™, Paws Plus Training, LLC and its assignees or any other person, or persons, of said groups, shall not be held liable personally, or collectively, under any circumstances, for injury, and/or damage to her/himself, for loss or injury to property, whether due to uncontrolled dogs or negligence of any member of said groups, or any other cause, or causes. The competitor also agrees to assume all financial liability that may be incurred by the NACSW™ due to the actions of themselves or their dogs regardless of the cause.

Sportsmanship

All competitors/handlers and spectators are expected to follow the rules of the NACSW™ and demonstrate good sportsmanship. This includes making sure the hide placements are unknown to the handler prior to testing and kept secret from other competitors. Please do not discuss hide placement or any details of a dog's performance that may provide information or clues to other handlers or may be overheard.

Questions

All Test related questions, contact Janie Simmons at pawsplustrainingva@gmail.com.

**Paws Plus Training, LLC
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**\$35 Registration Fee - Payment by check or Zelle
Please mail this completed form via USPS with your registration fee to:**

**Paws Plus Training, LLC
Attn: Jen Johnson
15290 Devonwood Road
Montpelier, VA 23192**

Make check payable to Paws Plus Training, LLC.

Questions: Contact Janie Simmons at pawsplustrainingva@gmail.com.

Odor: Birch Anise Clove

Test date(s): Saturday, September 12, 2020

Dog's Call Name _____

Breed(s) _____

Dog's NACSW™ # _____

Handler's Name _____

Handler's NACSW™ Membership # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone where you can easily be reached _____ E-mail
Address _____

An ORT must be taken and passed at least 14 days before a trial opening date to be eligible for the first draw period.

Please contact your host at least 1 day before the ORT if your female dog will be in season.

All confirmations will be sent via e-mail with attachment within 7 days of receipt of complete registration form and payment. If you require a confirmation via USPS, you must provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

I/We hereby assume all risks of, and responsibility for, accidents and/or damage to myself or to my property or to others, resulting from the actions of my dog. I/We expressly agree that Paws Plus Training, LLC, Richmond Dog Obedience Club, and/or NACSW™ or any other person, or persons, of said groups, shall not be held liable personally, or collectively, under any circumstances, for injury, and/or damage to my person, for loss or injury to my property, whether due to uncontrolled dogs or negligence of any member of said groups, or any other cause, or causes.

Signed: _____ Date: _____